

TOWN OF LYME
Budget Committee
P.O. Box 126
Lyme, NH 03768-0126
Town Office conference room
November 8th, 2023
Approved: November 16th, 2023

Present: James Graham, Richard Jones, Brian Spence, Bill Malcolm, Scott May, Hayes Greenway, Rich Brown, Vince Berk, Wilkes McClave, Select Board representative Judy Brotman, School Board Representative, Jennifer Boylston.
Administrator: Dina Cutting

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by Chair Jones.

Mrs. Brotman moved to approve the minutes of the October 25th, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Mr. May. The minutes were approved with 8 in favor and 2 abstentions (Boylston & McClave were not in attendance at the meeting).

Zoom offered for Budget Committee meetings. The Budget Committee discussed this option. At this time the Committee has decided to offer zoom for the public to listen only. The Public Hearings will be set up for public comments.

- The Select Board's proposed 2024 budget was presented by Mrs. Brotman.
- This is a 6.6% increase over 2022's budget.
- Bottom line is \$ 2,943,102.30 at this time.
- The Select Board included a 3% COLA for employees.
- The Budget Committee reviewed the Wednesday closing Solid Waste information from Mr. Thebodo.
- The Select Board is supporting the increase of stickers by \$1.00.
- Biannual Tax Billing will be researched to see if this is a viable option for Lyme
- Software expenses were discussed.
- The area Town comparisons were discussed briefly. More information concerning Grafton and its costs for public works was requested.

There were no further questions at this time concerning the Select Boards proposed budgets.

The being no further business at 8:33PM Mr. McClave moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting